

Molalla River School District
Comprehensive Distance Learning- 2020-2021 School Year
FAQ's

General Questions regarding Comprehensive Distance Learning

- Q. Will students be provided with textbooks and other learning materials for use when they are home? Same types of learning aids as when they were in school?
- A. All students will be provided with a Chromebook. Additional learning materials will be distributed as needed by grade level and subject area.
- Q. Will teachers be providing letter grades this school year?
- A. Yes. Grades and progress reports will be provided in the same format as is typical for the grade level of the student.
- Q. I work full-time and I will need help accessing safe and reliable childcare when my student is not in school. Can you help me with that?
- A. A list of child care providers has been posted to our district and elementary school websites. These providers have no connection to the Molalla River School District and families will be expected to vet providers for their child care needs.
- Q. Will at-home learning days be structured differently than they were in the spring? To be honest, it was confusing and lacked structure and my student was not engaging like they needed to.
- A. In reviewing feedback from families and staff members, our district team worked to revise our at-home learning to create a predictable schedule for students and families to create optimal learning opportunities for every child.
- Q. My student struggles with reading. Will the comprehensive distance learning model provide space for one-on-one or small group learning supports?
- A. Yes, students will still benefit from targeted reading intervention. Teachers and Reading Specialists will continue to differentiate instruction to meet individual student needs.
- Q. Will Molalla River School District offer a full-year online web academy?
- A. Yes, Molalla is offering a full-time, year-long comprehensive distance learning program. Families and students were asked to sign-up and commit to the full-year comprehensive distance learning program in August. Students will be aligned by grade level and an MRSD teacher will be assigned to each group of students opting for the year-long program.
- Q. My student has an IEP. How will these specialized needs be met when they are not in school?
- A. We received guidance from the Oregon Department of Education to establish parameters for delivering IEP services within Comprehensive Distance Learning. Services will be delivered in a distance/ tele-services format. Click [here](#) to learn more.

- Q. The fall trimester is important for seniors applying to colleges and for scholarships to receive guidance in this area. What support will be available from counselors and other sources for these students?
- A. We will offer the same level of support to our seniors. They will be able to access their counselors virtually. Gloria, who almost exclusively helps with the college process, will be available in the Aspire center.

Access to Technology and Technology Support

- Q. We borrowed a Chromebook for our student last spring for at-home learning. Will these be available again for the new school year?
- A. Yes, Chromebooks will be provided to every student that needs one.
- Q. I do not have reliable internet service at home and feel like my student will be at a huge disadvantage if they cannot access the at-home learning resources. Can you help with that?
- A. Yes, the district recognizes not all families currently have internet access. We have surveyed our community to determine the level of need. Our community partner, Molalla Communications is ready to assist all families within their service area. Molalla Communications can be reached at (503) 829-1100

Nutrition and Access to Meals

- Q. Will school breakfast and lunch be available during comprehensive distance learning?
- A. Yes. Last March, the Molalla River School District applied for and received a USDA waiver that enabled us to offer meals at no charge to all children (up to 18) in our community. This **waiver has been extended through 12/31/20**. This means we are able to provide meals to all children at no cost as we begin the new school year.

As we are unsure if that waiver will be extended beyond December of this year, we encourage all families to complete the application for the Free/Reduced lunch program. More families will qualify for this benefit under the new expanded income guidelines. Even if you think you might not qualify, please take a minute to apply through the district website. You can find the application on our website under the Parent / Nutrition/Free/Reduced lunch program. If you have any questions please contact the Nutrition Service Office at 503-759-7478.

Meal Service Options for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year

Beginning September 8th, we will only offer Grab-and-Go meal service. Our delivery option, described below will begin on Monday, September 14th. Even if you sign up for our delivery option, you will need pick-up your student's meals at our Grab-and-Go site until our first day of scheduled deliveries.

Grab and Go:

There will be a daily curbside meal pick-up option at Molalla Elementary School between 10am to 12pm.

Delivery Option:

MRSD will be delivering meals to students twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. Monday deliveries will consist of 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches, and Wednesday deliveries will consist of 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches. You will have the option to select Monday delivery only, Wednesday delivery only or both.